# BLACK DIAMOND

Promoters of the System to Apply to the Legislature.

FOR TWO VIRGINIA ROUTES.

Virginia Invited to Co-Operate in Southern Exposition in New York, Mr. Montague's Successor. Homes for Children,

The next Legislature will probably be esked for two railway charters by Col. A. E. Boone, of Ohio, and associates, promoters of the Black Diamond system of rallways, the main line of which is projected to extend from a point in Ohio thence southeast through Kentucky, West Nirginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina to Port Royal, in the last named State. A letter was received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday from the promoters inquiring

of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday from the promoters inquiring the amount of costs on two railway charters in Virginia.

One of the routes contemplated would extend from a point in Kentucky or West Virginia through Southwest Virginia to Danville. The other route for which a charter is contemplated would be from some point on the main line in West Virginia to Tidewater Virginia, the eastern terminus being either on the Rappahannock or James river or on the Chesapeake Bay. Colonel Boone has a gigantic railway scheme on paper, and claims that his plans will eventually materialize.

VIRGINIA LADIES INVITED.

Mrs. Sarah A. Pryor, wife of Judge Roger A. Pryor, the celebrated Virginia lawyer, now practicing in New York, has been elected president of the Woman's Department of the Southern Exposition, to be given in New York next spring. Mrs. Pryor has written a letter to Governor Tyler, informing him of her election and the desire of the ladies to have a creditable exhibit, and requesting the cooperation of the Governor. She particularly desires a complete exhibit prepared for the Exposition by the ladies of Virginia and to this end would be very much pleased to enlist the co-operation and assistance of Mrs. Tyler. The Governor has indicated his purpose to lend whatever aid, lies in his power to the success of the department of which Mrs. Pryor is the head. Mrs. Tyler, it is stated, will also co-operate in the matter Pryor is the head. Mrs. Tyler, it is stated, will also co-operate in the matter of an exhibit by the ladies of Virginia.

PLEA OF A POOR WOMAN.

The Governor's mail yesterday contained the following letter written under a Stafford county date line:

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"Governor Tyler:
"Dear Sir— I had the bad luck to lose my house about s month ago by fire. I am a poor woman with six little children, the oldest but eight years old. My husband is with the army in the Philippines. We lost everything but the clothes we had on. I want to ask wouldn't you please give me something to put me up

please give me something to put me up a little cabin to live in this winter. Hoping to hear from you soon.

The Governor is trequently appealed to by persons, many of whom are doubtless really descrying, to aid them in the hour of adversity and distress.

Rev. D. W. Comstock, of the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, called upon the Governor yesterday. Mr. Comstock is interested in the work of obtaining homes for destitute children. He has

ing homes for destitute children. He has been very successful in his efforts in other States, and now desires to have Virginia the city several days.

LABOR COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Mr. A. P. Montague, Commissioner of Labor, who has been in Richmond for the past week, left yesterday for Lynchburg and Radford.

and Radford.

In regard to the appointment of his successor by Gov. Tyler, Mr. Montague says he is certain it will not be made until the first of January. He will hold the office until that time.

Mr. James B. Doherty has been recommended by Mr. Montague for the office, but at this time the Commissioner is until the commissioner

able to say what action Gov. Tyler will take. Mr. Montague will return to Rich-

mond about December 1st.

Mr. Doberty, who will probably sucgeed Mr. Montague, was born in this city
on the 1st of March, 1854, and has been a resident here ever since. He attended the schools of this city, and at the agof seventeen entered apprenticeship of cl gar-making. At expiration of his appren ticeship, he joined the Cigarmakers' Un lon, and has been a continuous member over since. For several years he was president of the local union, and repre-cented his union at the conventions of the Cigarmakers' Internation Union held election. He served as president of Cen-tral Trades and Labor Council of this city

Beveral years.
Mr. Doherty has been a faithful worker in the Democratic ranks for a number of years, and has represented Jackson Ward in the City Democratic Committee for the past six years. For five years he has served as chairman of the Plan Committee, and at present is vice-chair

Committee, and at present is vice-chairman of the City Democratic Committee.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney-General Montague will be away until the opening of the Supreme Court on next Wednesday. He will spend the interval in Danville, where he will address the voters of that city on the eve of election. Mr. Montague's family ac-

companies him.

President Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, was a visitor at the office of the Superintendent of Public In-

ever county, and Mr. Samuel P. Waddill, treasurer of Henrico county, were at the Treasurer's office yesterday.

A number of the State officials will go tome Tuesday in order to vote in the leg-

EASTERN VIRGINIA DISCIPLES.

Plan to Build a Church in Antioch, Syria. WAVERLY, VA., Nov. 4.—Special.—The

Bastern Virginia Christian Conference in session here closed Friday. The report of the Committee on Moral Reform urged abstinence from the use or handling of in any way of intoxicating liquors, ad-vised against the use of tobacco, urged a better observance of the Sabbath, the discountenancing of gambling dancing, divorce, commercial dishonesty, and other social exils.

Other social evils.

The Committee on Education recommended Rev. I. W. Johnson and L. L. Lassiter for ordination, and admitted Mr. H. C. Carroll, of Norfolk, to the biblical class. They also recommended the licensing of Messrs. J. M. Roberts, C. C. Jones, and G. J. Green, after their grad-tation at Elion College next June, in case they pass the regular examination sat-

Bevs. J. F. Barrett, D. D., W. W. Sta-ley, D. D., N. G. Newman, John T. Kitch-en, H. H. Butler, and J. W. Harrell, and Laymen Judge J. F. West, E. E. Hol-land, Col. A. Savedge, W. J. Lee, A. M. Elicy, and J. W. Folk, were elected dele-gates to the Southern Christian Conven-tion.

The report of the Committee on Home ons showed a greater interest in the mission work and larger contribu-for the present year than for any

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# AFTER CHARTERS Broad St. Near 5th. MILLER & RHOADS. Broad St. Near 5th.

## Lowest Prices for Best Goods Win Increased Patronage. This Store's Offerings Are Widely Recognized as Meritorious.

This fact has been strongly emphasized by the largely increased volume of business in every department in the store and has given us renewed evidence of the public's belief in our efforts to give to them absolutely reliable merchandise at lowest possible prices, which is our safe guarantee of satisfactory and economical buying.

## We Announce for To-Morrow Our November Sale.



Ladies' Tailored Suits.

No dull times in our Suit Department. The bargains, we advertise we have, and they are magnets strong enough to keep us busy all the time. Last week's sale was a big success, and commencing tomorrow we again offer upwards of seventy-five fresh, new Suits at our unmatchable prices.

Our Suits are perfect in point of style and fit and will wear better than most Suits, and you stand in your own light if you do not look here before you purchase.

Special lot of Homespuns, Mixed Coverts, Plain Black and Navy Serges,

Three special features we want you to notice at this counter-

High-Class Black Crepons,

Special New Colored Goods,

BLACK CREPONS,

ALL-WOOL PLAIDS,

BROADCLOTHS.

HARIT CLOTHS.

ZIBELINE SUITINGS,

VENETIAN CLOTHS.

toes, 125c, per pair.

dies, 35c. per pair.

Hosiery Sale.

Poor hosiery is a great disappointment to the buyer. We

avoid buying the poor kind so that your buying here may be safe,

Children's Derby-Ribbed Black Hose, warranted fast Black, sizes 7 to 10,

CAMEL'S-HAIR PLAIDS,

in silk effects, 42 inches wide, at per yard, \$1.50.

in stripes and blister effects, at per yard, \$2. BLACK MOHAIR CREPONS.

Colored Dress Goods.

36 inches wide, and good weight,

50 inches wide, in the different shades, at 75c. per yard.

50 inches wide, all wool, in a wile range of colors, at 58c, per yard.

50 inches wide, rough and stylish, at \$1 per yard.

45 inches wide, in real artistic color combinations, at \$1.39 per

50 inches wide, very fine quality,

with high lustre, at \$1.50 per yard.

worth Elc., for Ec. per pair. Ladies' Fine Imported Tan Hose,

Ladies' Seamless Hose, in plain

black, black with white feet, bal-briggan, Oxford Gray, black boot, and

A new and full line of Wool and Fleeced Hose, for winter wear, for la-

Ladies' Fancy Striped Lisle Thread

Hose, color warranted, worth 50c. per pair; special price, 29c. per pair.

cines of all kinds, in fact, nearly every-

fancy colored top, 1214c, per pair,

for skirts, 50c. per yard.

Plain and Fancy Silks.

The best imported Broadcioth Tailor-made Costume on exhibition at the Always Busy Store; tight-fitting jacket, latest style skirt, fancy strap seams, best taffets, sijk-lined throughout. This is actually a \$50 value; our bargain price, 45

Special lot of Grey-mixed Suiting, tight-fitting jacket, slik serge lining, regular \$15 suits, special \$13.50.

Our latest novelty in Tallor-made Costumes is the combination Suit in Brown, very swell and up-to-date, worth \$55, choice for \$28.

Silks.

HEMSTITCHED TAFFETAS.

lustre, at 59c, per yard-

weight, at \$1 per yard,

at \$1.25 per yard. BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE,

BLACK TAFFETA,

BLACK HENRIETTA,

yard, 50c.

all silk, one of the newest things out for waists, at \$1.19 per yard.

27 inches wide, in Black and White,

all slik, 19 inches wide, and good

in excellent values, 50c., 65c., 69c., 75c., 89c. and \$1.

BLACK GROS GRAIN, 22 Inches wide, high lustre, heavy

Black Dress Goods.

BLACK HABIT CLOTH, all wool, 40 inches wide, at per yard, 29c.

all wool, extra fine count and a reg-ular 69c, value, at per yard 59c. CHEVIOTS, STORM SERGES, DIAG-

ONAL AND GRANITE SUITINGS.
all wool in excellen values, at per

Children's Fine Jersey-Ribbed Hose,

double knees, heels and toes, guaran-teed fast and stainless Black, sizes

Boys' Heavy Corduroy-Ribbed Hose,

Misses' Fine Jersey-Ribbed Hose,

double knees, heels and toes, Herms-dorf dye, sizes 5 to 9, 25c, per pair.

The Boys' Best Hose, heavy iron framed, double knees, heels and toes,

fast, stainless Black, all sizes, 19c. per pair, for 15c. per pair.

Black, all sizes, worth

BLACK PLISSE.

Special line of Sulis in Homespuns, Cheviot, Coverts in assorted shades, light and half-litting jackets, and we guarantee you perfect fitting costumes, price \$15.

Golf Capes.

Children's Golf Capes, splendld assortment to select from, regular \$5 value for \$3.98 Another lot of Children's Golf Capes, extra fine quality, nicely finished, very stylish, worth \$8.50 for \$6.98.

Special assertment of Missas' Golf Capes, nice assertment of bright shades, regular \$10 quality, our special price \$1.75.

Ladies Golf Capes in Grey Colors, medium and full length, also assertment of fancy plaid, very swell, regular \$15 value for \$10.

## Winter Underwear.

We can hardly get it in fast enough to supply the demand. We've never done such enormous selling of Underwear. Here are some extraordinary good things just come to hand. We are headquarters of reliable underwear at moderate cost.

#### Ladies' Underwear.

Heru, Mc. cach, Vest and Pants, 39 and 50c, each. Ladies' Scarlet All-Wool Vest and Pants, Sc. and H each.

Ladies' Black Worsted Equestrian Tights, \$1 and \$1.50 each. 'Ladies' Black Worsted Vest and

Ladles' Jersey-Ribbed Fleece-Lined Combination Suits, Melba fastening, toc., 75c. and \$1 each.

### Men's Underwear.

A small lot of Men's Camel's-Hair Shirts and Drawers, a bargain;

Men's Pure Wool, Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, in Tan and Blue, 11 value here for 75c. each.

Drawers, extra quality, 75c. each, Drawers, in Tan. Blue and Eco

Men's Extra-Heavy, Fleece-Lined Men's Heavy Tan Shirts and Drawers, a good 3714c, value, here at 25c.

### Children's Underwear.

ton Combination Sults, 28 and

Boys' Heavy Fleece-Lined Cotton Shirts and Drawers, in Tan, 25c, each. Boys' Gray, Medium-Weight, Half-Wool Shirts and Drawers, 50c. each, Boys' Heavy-Wool, Fleeced Shirts and Drawers, in Gray, 50c. each. 

## Seasonable Wash Goods Large Assortment,

Stirring Values. Just a few propositions, but each one a giant

in value and at the same time a dwarf in price. Outing Cloth, worth \$1-3, for 5c.
Outing Cloth, light colors, special value at 5.7-8c.
Fiannelettes, stripes and figures, a bargain at 8.1-3c.
Apron Gingham, all colors, cheap at 4.7-8c.
Dress Gingham, dark colors, worth 81-3c., for 53-4c.

Flannelettes, dark colors, the best value ever offered for 63-4c. Percales, 32 and 36 inches wide, for this lot only 8 3-4c.

Double Napped Flannels, worth 12 1-2c., special for 8 3-4c. Outing Cloths, light and dark colors, great styles for 19c. Satteen, all colors, worth 121-2c., for 10c. Flannelettes, the best styles to be had, only 10c. Percales, navy blue and white, 36 inches, only 10c. French Flannelettes, light and dark colors, a great num-

Candy Sale To-Morrow.

Pure Candy products at modest prices. Special.

Italian Cream, vanila flavor, extra-fine piece of goods; if you try it once you'll buy it again; our low price, 15c. pound. Extra-Fine Marshmallows, something nice, 15c, pound. The best Chocolate Drop on the market; you'll say so, after you try it; at our popular price. 15c. pound, and twenty-five other styles to select from. Something new. Chocolete Ratatat and Pecan Cakes, a 40c. candy here at 25c, pound.

Chocolate - Covered Roasted Peanuts, 25c. pound. Chocolate - Covered Caramels, 25c. pound. Chocolate - Covered Marshmallows, 25c. pound, and about thirty other kinds to select from.

### Sale of Stationery.

Nice Stationery by the pound, quire or box, school supplies, &c., at very low prices. This department is up to date in assortments. Cards and invitations engraved at short notice.

Royal Victory Linen Paper, new shape, fine quality, 15c, pound Envelopes to match, 5c, package. Snow Flake Linen Paper, in Rose and Hellotrope, 15c. und. Envelopes to match, 5c, package,

Old No. 1 Paper, satin finish, Ec. pound. Antique English Linen Paper, in two sizes, plain and ruled, 10c. pound.

Hurlbut's "Court of the Netherlands," in Blue and The newest fad, Dark Green Paper, 25c. box

Extra-fine quality Initial Paper, nicely boxed, 25c, box. Military Gray Paper, 24 sheets, for 5c.

### Blankets.

Good Heavy 11-4 White Wool Blanket, weighs over five pounds, our low price \$4.48. Same quality, 12-4 size, \$5.29. Same quality, 10-4 size, \$3.39.

Fancy Plaid Blankets, in pink, black, tan and red plaid, full 19-4 size, actually worth \$3.50, our price \$2.98.

## Reliable Linen Bargains Briefly Noted,

At prices that have gained us fame as the "Always-Busy Store," "givers of best values."

A Sale of Household Linens. Doylies, red border, all linen, exceptional value, at

Crash, red border, all linen, would be cheap at 61-4c.

for 5c. Crash unbleached, good width, all linen, a bargain at

Crash, red border, all linen, good width, extra heavy, for \$ 1-3c. Dinner Napkins, all linen, fast selvadge, only \$1.00.

Dinner Napkins, Scotch linen, very heavy, a bargain at Dinner Napkins, large size, all lines, great value at \$2.00. German Damask, all lines, good width, only 35c. Irish Damask, pure bleached, all lines, special item at

Scotch Damask, 68 inches wide, all linen, for 59c., large

size, Dinner Napkins to match for \$1.39. Irish Damask, 68 inches wide, new designs, a real bar-

gain at 15c. Napkins to match, 3-4 size, for \$2.39.

Irish Damask, 70 inches wide, beautiful patterns, special value at \$1.00, Dinner Napkins 5-8 size for \$2.19; Dinner Napkins 5-4 size for \$2.5.

Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, 36x36 inches for 50c.

### China Sale in the Basement.

People have come to recognize our Basement as a first-class china store. We have our full stock of Fancy China, Bric-a-Brac, Lamps, &c., in now for wedding and holiday gifts and you will be fully repaid for a thorough look through the department.

Large China Parlor Lamp, with bronze trimming and best round burner, decorated in lilies and pink timted; special price only \$2.89.

Large China Lamp, richly decorated, and newest shape, with best burner and large-size globe, at \$4.88.

Handsome Metal Lamp, gold gilding, silver column, and best Rochester burner, with 3-inch globe, was \$10, now \$6.25.

China Lamp, in pink decoration, with large globe and lift-out fount, only \$2.39, complete.

Handsome Metal Lamp, with black iron trimmings and ruby bowl, with 10-inch globe to match. 36, complete

Extra-Large China Lamp, 12-inch globe, green, with pink decoration, would be cheap at \$19; our price, \$7.89, complete. Extra-Fine Lamp, and very large bowl, with 12-inch globe, shaded pink, with hand-painted snow-balls on globe and bowl, and has bronze trimmings, would be a bargain at \$15; special price, \$9.39.

Gun-Metal Lamp, in pot shape, traced with chain, has 9-inch imported globe, with dragon, something very rich; special price, \$3.50.

One lot of Handsome Jardinieres, hand-puinted and shaded blue, heavily gold-stippled; special price, \$3.89.

### Lace Curtains.

Special assortment, plain and figured centres, extra wide border, very pretty, our low price \$4.50.

A great lot of fine curtains here for you to select from; they look like \$3 curtains, our low price per pair, \$2.

Extra good varue in Nottingham, full 3 1-2 yards long, choice patterns, worth \$2.25, price per pair, \$1.50.

#### Lining Specials. Large Variety.

The lining department will be a lively place to-morrow. We have prepared a feast of style and price lowness that will gladden the hearts of all callers.

Black, would be cheap at 10c, for 3c.
Silesta, 3c-inch, regularly sold at
10c,; special, \$c.
Figured Black-Back Silesia, 3c-inch,
worth 12½c, for 10c.
Shrunk Canvas, fast Black, special

special, 15c. Mercerized Satteens, all colors, spe-

cial value, at 17c.
Taffeta Lining, 36 inches wide, a great seller, at 17c. 

## Toilet Articles.

Little but very important items that every one requires, and which we sell at low prices.

1. Good Bristle Tooth-Brushes, solid

2. Bone - Handle Tooth - Brushes, bleached bristle, the regular 19c, value, for Sc.

3. The Lannock Tooth-Brush, in many different styles, genuine bristled, all sold under a positive guarantee, for

4. Wild Honey Bouquet Scap, a large size cake, worth 5c., for 2c. 5. Good Castile Soap, a full-size

6. A large cake of Palm, a splen-did skin soap, for 3c. 1. Miller & Rhoads' 6-ounce cake Palm Soap, for 50

8. Genuine Glycerine Soap, a large cake, for 40 9 Craddock's Medicated Blue Scap, excellent for the skin, 10c, cake, or 3

10, 8-inch Black Dressing Combs. in many different styles, the regular 19c. value, for 19c. 11. Half-pint bottles Bay Rum, that

usually sell for 25c.; special, 10c.

12. Genuine St. Thomas Bay Rum. large size bottles, worth 196, for 25c.

13. I-pint bottles Doubled Distilled

Witch Hazel for 21c, 14. Large size bottles Smelling Salts, the regular 19c, value, for 10c, 15. Talcum Baby Powder, large cans. that generally sell for Sc., now Sc.

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year during the history of this confer-

report of the Committee on Christian Endeavor Societies was ably dis-ussed by Rev. J. W. Harrell, and was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sun-

day-schools showed only a few churches within the bounds of the conference not reporting properly to the Sunday-school Convention. The total conference collec-tion was \$2,081.32, being over \$800 more than last year.

The foreign mission report was most interesting. A special collection was taken up for the Armenian mission which proposes by the free will offering to build a poses by the free will offering to build a

poses by the free-will offering to build a church in Antiocff, Syria, where the Disciples were first called Christians, and a resolution was passed requesting all churches in the conference to take a similar collection and send in the amount of the same to Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., of the Mission Board, by April 1, 1900. the Mission Roard, by April 1, 1900.

Ravs. I. W. Johnson and L. L. Lassiterwere ordained to the gospet ministry by
a very impressive and solemn service,
Revs. W. W. Staley, D. D., J. B. Barrett, and N. G. Newman constituting the
ordaining prachylary.

ordaining presbytery.

New Lebanon, near Dendron, Surry county, was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the conference.

### WARM FIGHT IN CLARKE.

Independent Candidate Makes an At tack on Martin's Record.

BERRYVILLE, VA., Nov. 2.-Special. Robert Brackett, the independent Demo Robert Brackett, the independent Demo-eratic candidate for the House of Delec-gates to represent Clarke and Warren counties, who is endorsed by the Tyler Club of Front Royal, and a Democratic committee of Warren of which General H. Dilger is chairman, is making a vig-orous canvass in Clarke county in oppo-sition to Arthur L. Warthen, the regu-les Democratic nomines.

lar Democratic nominee.

Besides making speeches at different points in the county he has scattered broadcast a circular letter in which he presents his claims upon the suffrage of the valent

the voters.

He says in part: "He is agalast Tom
Martin, who voted taxes on drills, linders,
horse shoes, horse shoe nails, teas, medi-

thing the people have to buy, and would not vote a tax on railroads." Your cor-respondent, in a talk with Thomas D. Gold, chairman of Democratic Executive Committee of Clarke county, was told that many statements in the letter were misleading, and that the statement above and it so if trouble was taken to look into ate. Mr. Gold further says that Mr. Brackett will receive a larger vote than he at first expected him to poll, but he has no fears of Mr. Worthen's defeat. Thomas D. Gold, who is the Democratic candidate for the State Senate, to repre-sent the twelfth senatorial district, com-posed of the countles of Clarke, Warren and Page, has no opposition. He is in structed to vote for Senator Thomas S Martin for re-election to the United States Senate, as is Arthur L. Warthen

which has been in session since Octobe mental Savings and Loan Association of Baltimore against Earnest A. Marshall and Charles A. Young and wife, in which judgment was given in favor of the

which judgment was given in tavor of the complainants for \$500 and cests.

James A. Clipp has sold his large store building and stock of goods to R. D. Hardesty, who will again enter the merchandise business here. The building brought \$5,000, at which price Mr. Hardesty sold it to Mr. Clipp eight months are Mr. Hardesty disposed of his month. ago. Mr. Hardesty disposed of his mer-cantile business hearly a year ago to ac-cept the position of assistant cashier in the Bank of Clarke county, which he will

YANKTON AND EAGLE SAIL.

Ask the Government to Remove Wreck of Schooner.

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 4.-Special.-The onverted yachts Yankton and Eagle are scheduled to sail to-night from this port for Cuba on survey duty, and the Scor-

pion to-morrow for Bluefields.
W. A. Coke, whose recent trial for shooting and wounding Councilman James A. Ridgewell ended in his being sentenced to whom caused the shooting.

Local marine men are circulating a peti-tion asking the government to remove the wreck of the big schooner Augustus Palpeake Bay and sunk.

### SMALLPOX SUBSIDES,

The Bristol Iron Furnace Sending Its Product to Market.

BRISTOL, VA., Nov. 4.-Special.-The small-pox situation here has materially improved. No cases have developed in the last few days and those who had the disease are being released from the hos-pitals from day to day. In all there have fright due to small-pox has done great havoe to business here, in that it has kept the country people away from Bristol, but now that the conditions are being but now that the conditions are being better understood, business in all lines is reviving in a gratifying manner. Meadow View and other outside towns, with the exception of Abingdon, have done away with all quarantine regulations, and the public can come and go as formerly.

formerly.

The Bristol fron furnace has now been operated successfully for a week, and al-ready the output of pig iron is being shipped to market.

The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Com-

ped to market.

The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company is about to reach a new source of ore supply for the Bristol furnace. The Virginia and Southwestern railway has been extended to the hematite deposits in Carter county, Tenn, and a large orewasher is being constructed on Stoney Creek, with a view to beginning ore shipping within a few days. The company's greater and richer ore deposits will be creek, with a view to beginning ore shipping within a few days. The company's greater and richer ore deposits will be reached about next March, when the railway extension through Johnson county, Tenn, will have been completed to the Dos Mountain mines. These mines are pronounced to be not only rich in the

quality of the ore they afford, but practically without limit to quantity.

Special Commissioner S. V. Fuikerson sold twenty lots, being a part of the Lancaster estate, at public auction this week. These lots had fronts of from 25 to 50 feet. They were bought by different parties, and sold for about \$1,500 in

### Monotony in Entertaining.

umns in American newspapers devoted to the art of entertaining, or to dinner this country. A fashionable leader in New York who ventured twelve years ago out to Chicago, wrote back; "I assure you that the dinners here are served precisely as at home, and the chefs and wines are quite as good as ours in New York.

If she were asked to dire now in a farm A new fashion in table effects, as in hats sweeps over the country from sea to sea much faster than the hot and cold waves about which the weather bureaus daily about which the weather bureaus dain vex our souls. "Teas" in the flamboyant American style, have reached Porto Rico, and I have heard of kaffee klatsches on Pike's Peak.

This universal habit of imitation in the ways of entertaining is due to us ways of entertaining is due to us women, who always are foremost in the
great social scramble upward. We are
afraid to be original even in our soups.
Your regular diner-out in the cities eats
the same meal, from oysters to liqueurs,
overy night in the winter in a different
house, until his stomach, if not his soul,
is weary within him. Our hospitality did
not always run in its present conventional
narrow groove. Why should it not still
have original outlets? Why should not
each hostess during the coming winter each hostess during the coming winter welcome her guests in a way which would

ens. Surely here is a reform not too petty for the mind of our hostess. It is not, she says, our muttons and Madeira that we should give our guest, but our wit, our thought-ourselves-Rebecca Harding Davis in New York Independent.

The fifth annual Epworth League and Sunday-school Convention of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was opened yesterday morning in the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Dolphin and Etting streets.

About forty delegates from the North Baltimore district of the Washington Con-ference were present and participated in the developal the devotional services conducted by Rev. R. P. Lawson, of the Eastern Church. Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. Thomas Ovelton, of the Senior League and John C. Fortle, of the Junior League. of the Sharp-Street Memorial Church, Dr. James H. Shaw, of Asbury Church, Ben-gies, and Richard Frey, of Reisterstown, Rev. James T. Moten and Rebecca Fisher spoke on the subject of "A New ter in Methodism," and a general di cussion followed.

At the evening session the "Lost Maine At the evening session the "Lost Maine and Its Crew" was the subject of an address by Rev. G. D. Pinkney, of Frederick. The speaker described the tragle death of the sailors on the Maine, and pictured their present condition. He believed, he said, that they were the crew that God had assigned to man the good old ship Zion, and were now in Hetwen and happily engaged en board the Zion. Prof. Grant W. Biddle and Naomi Wiight snoke on behalf of the Sunday-schools, spoke on behalf of the Sunday schools, Rev. Dr. G. W. W. Jenkins presided over the meeting and E. V. Nichols acted as corresponding secretary, with Florence O. Cummings as recording secretary. The convention will continue to day, to mor-row and Sunday—Baltimore Sun.

Irresistible Inducement. Mr. Biltmore—But, my dear, I can't see why you should have stopped at that hotel, if the rates were higher and the service not up to the standard?

Mrs. Biltmore—Ob. George, I was tempted by their beautiful stationery. They supply you with the daintiest services

and the cutest little sheets of note paper you ever saw. Besides, there's a magnificent half-tone engraving of the place on every piece.-Brooklyn Life.

### The Sailing of the Loon Ships.

October, 1809.
They saw the cables looser.cd, they saw the gang way cleared, heard the men that cheered, off, far off, the tumult faded and died away.

And all alone the sea-wind came singing up the Bay.

I came by Cape St. Vincent, I came by Trafalgar,
I swept from Torres Vedras to golden
Vigo Bar. I saw the beacons blazing that fired the world with light

When down their ancient highway your father passed to fight. "O race of tireless flighters, flushed with a youth renewed. Right well the wars of Freedom bent the

Sea-king's brood; Yet as ye go forget not the fame of you der shore.

The fame ye owe your fathers and the old time before.

"Long-suffering were the Sea-kings, they were not swift to kill. But when the sands had fallen they waited no man's will: Though all the world forbade them, they

counted not nor cared.

They weighed not help or hindrance, they did the things they dared. "The Sea-kings loved not boasting, they cursed not him that cursed,
They honored all men duly, and him that

faced them first.

They strove and knew not hatred, they smote and toiled to save.

They tended whom they vanquished, they praised the fallen brave.

"Their fame's on Torres Vedras, their fame's on Vigo Bar.
Far-flashed to Cape St. Vincent it burns from Trafalgar;
Mark as ye go the beacons that woke the world with light
When down their ancient highway your father passed to fight."
--Henry Newbolt, in London "Spectator."

Fly-Front and Tight-Fitting Jackets, sold at \$13.50 and \$15; choice for \$10.

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Misses' Jersey-Ribbed Fleece-Lined Children's Heavy Fleece-Lined Cot-

Children's Jersey-Ribbed, Fleeced

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### Crew of the Lost Maine.